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SUBJECT: HONG KONG MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPONSE
TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) QUESTIONS.

REF: MARCH 21 TELCON BETWEEN DR. JEAN-PAUL SMITH (NIDA) AND
PETER LEE, HONG KONG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE VERBATIM TEXT OF THE HONG KONG
MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ANSWERS TO DR. SMITH'S
QUESTIONS RAISED IN HIS PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. LEE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMINISTERING THE AES
PROJECT ARE DR. H. L. WEN, ONE MEDICAL OFFICER, 4 NURSES
(JVELQBYPWP ACUPUNCTURE).

3. CLINICS INVOLVED: ONE

4. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BY DR. BARRY BROWN:
A. THE 4 NURSES, AFTER RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM DR. WEN,
WILL PERFORM THE ACUPUNCTURE. (NOTE: DR. WEN CANNOT DO IT,
BECAUSE HE WILL BE BIASED. THE MEDICAL OFFICER IS RESPON-
SIBLE FOR EXAMINATION OF THE PATIENTS AND ADMINISTRATION
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OF DRUGS. HE MAY DO SOME ACUPUNCUTRE).
IDEALLY, THE FOUR NURSES SHOULD ACT BLINDLY. HOWEVER,
THIS CLINIC IS RUN ON A 24-HOUR BASIS AND THE NURSES
ARE ON ROTATION DUTY. PATIENTS MAY RETURN FOR TREATMENT
AT ANY TIME AND EVENTUALLY THE NURSES MAY KNOW WHICH OF
THE FOUR ACUPUNCTURE GROUPS THE CLIENTS ARE IN.
B. FOLLOW-UP WILL BE DONE BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER AND

SOCIAL WORKER. THE PATIENTS WILL RETURN TO THE CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT EVERY 2 TO 3 WEEKS.

C. REPORTS ARE KEPT IN FILES IN THE CLINIC AND ARE NOT HELD BY CLIENTS. THE PATIENTS ONLY HAVE CARDS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES.

D. CLIENT PERFORMANCE, ETC, WILL BE NOTED ON FOLLOW-UP.

E. READMINISTRATION OF FORMS, ETC-TIME-FRAME DEPENDS ON THE RATE OF ADMISSION OF PATIENTS. IF THE TARGET NUMBER OF PATIENTS IS REACHED QUICKLY, THEN IT WOULD REQUIRE A SHORTER TIME-FRAME AND VICE VERSA. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A PREDICTION.

F. CLIENTS WILL BE INFORMED THAT THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT BUT THEY CANNOT MAKE THEIR OWN SELECTION. THE MEDICAL OFFICER WILL ALLOCATE THEM INTO THE GROUPS.

G. REPORTS WILL COVER THE 6 ISSUES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE FIRST SCHEME OF ITS KIND ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION ON AN OUT-PATIENT BASIS) AND THERE MAY BE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING COMPARISON WITH OTHER TREATMENT MODALITY.

5. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BY MR. WILLIAM C. MOUNT:

A. WE NEED ASSURANCE THAT FUNDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAM NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A START MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER APRIL 1.

B. IT IS OUR POLICY FOR ALL COSTING ATTRIBUTABLE TO A PROGRAM TO BE DEBITED TO IT AND COSTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THIS BASIS. THE ORIGINAL BUDGET AS SUBMITTED
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IS BASICALLY CORRECT BUT THE QUESTION OF LEASING ACUPUNCTURE EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND AIR CONDITIONING IS BEING EXAMINED. THE SALARY OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.

C. IT IS AGREED TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM UNDER AN ADVANCE ACCOUNT AND TO CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT IN ARREARS. BILLING WILL BE IN HONG KONG AND U.S. DOLLARS. END TEXT.
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